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Friday, March 26, 2021

End of 3rd Marking Period

Today marks the end of the third marking period which brings us to the final lap of the 2020-2021 school-year. As with all things this year, please keep an eye out for possible changes or updates to the end-of-year activities in each building.

Updated Occupancy Guidelines

Effective Sunday, April 4, 2021, the state has revised maximum occupancy limits for indoor events to allow for 25% of maximum occupancy, regardless of venue size, and maximum occupancy limits for outdoor events to allow for 50% of maximum occupancy, regardless of venue size.

Maximum occupancy is permitted only if attendees are able to comply with the 6-foot physical distancing requirement. Based on these guidelines, the District is allowing four spectators per West York student-athlete and two spectators for each member of the visiting team. Jr. High/MS soccer will be limited to home team spectators only based on capacity limits of that venue, therefore, no visiting team spectators will be permitted. These spectator requirements will allow the District to remain within the occupancy limits of outdoor venues. Additionally, based on the guidelines provided by YAIAA and to maintain continuity among other school districts in the conference, indoor volleyball will allow for home team spectators at this time.

While this guidance is good news for athletic events, we will continue to limit our in-person attendance at Board and Committee meetings to no more than 15% of the maximum Boardroom capacity. This is due to the lack of sufficient space to socially distance at the required six-foot distance.

Building Status for Next Week, March 29-April 2, 2021:

Our building and instruction status for next week is as follows:

- All buildings are open for in-person instruction Mon, Tues, Thurs
- Friday, April 2, 2021, is a holiday and all buildings are closed
 - **Because next Friday is a holiday, there will not be a weekly communication unless there is something of urgency to be shared.**
- Wednesday remains a distance-learning day for all students

Please be aware that the [face-covering](#) order is still in effect and required for all regardless of the [level of transmission](#).

Spring Assessments:

The District has released the dates for spring PSSA and Keystone testing. Dates and more information, including contact information for Ms. Melissa Appnel, Director of K-12 Education and Assessment, can be found [here](#).

District YouTube Channel:

For those who visit the District's [YouTube](#) channel to view past Board meetings, please be aware that beginning with the April 20th Board meeting, all recordings of Board related meetings will only be available for viewing for 48 hours after each meeting. After that time, they will be removed.

May Board Meeting:

Due to the May state election primary falling on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, the Board will hold one combined Work Session/Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 11th for the month of May. The Board will take action on agenda items at this meeting. Please visit the District [website](#) for information on how to attend.

West York Cyber Academy:

There has been a great deal of interest in how the West York Cyber Academy will look in the 2021-22 school year. The District is planning an open house in May to share with the community the plans for the next school year. Be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks.

REMINDERS:

When we have cases to report, those cases will be recorded on the COVID-19 [Dashboard](#). At a glance, the Dashboard shows where we stand with the number of documented cases in a West York school setting and within a rolling 14-day period. A documented case includes any confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 when the individual was physically present in the school setting during the infectious period, including but not limited to instruction, work, sports, or extracurricular activities. We will continue to communicate all documented cases.

If you have any questions about any of these orders, you can contact your child's building principal or Nurse Cindy Rose. Please continue to monitor symptoms and report them to our school nurses, along with any testing for COVID-19 and close contact with any positive cases. The symptom monitoring tool and nurse contact information can be found in the [Family Information Packet](#).

As I mentioned before, to maximize instruction during weather events, we implemented Synchronous Remote Learning Days. In short, Synchronous Remote Learning Days will consist of teacher-directed instruction using Zoom.

Synchronous Remote Learning Days look different at each level. For example, when the District announces a Synchronous Remote Learning Day, the parents and caregivers of elementary students will receive information from their child's teacher regarding the schedule for that day. Middle School and High School students will follow the building schedules outlined below.

- [High School Synchronous Remote Learning Schedule](#)
- [Middle School Synchronous Remote Learning Schedule](#)

Our goal is to provide the best educational experience for our students. Thank you for your continued support, flexibility, and understanding throughout this process. If you have additional questions, please contact your building principal(s).

Kindergarten Registration

For District families who have a child turning five-years-old before the first day of September, kindergarten registration is now open for the 2021-22 school year. More information about how to register a child and required documentation can be found [here](#). Parents may wish to visit [Wallace Elementary School's](#) webpage for more information, including registration assistance and kindergarten expectations.

Upcoming Board/Committee Meetings

April 5, 2021	6:00 PM	Co-curricular Meeting
April 13, 2021	5:30 PM	EPC Meeting
	7:00 PM	Work Session Meeting
April 20, 2021	5:30 PM	PRIDE Meeting
	6:30 PM	Board Meeting
May 11, 2021	5:30 PM	EPC Meeting
	7:00 PM	Work Session/Board Meeting

All of the above meetings will be virtual for the public until further notice. Please visit our [website](#) for information on how to attend.

Teacher Office Hours

I would like to remind our parents that teachers have established **Office Hours** for Distance Learning Wednesdays, snow days, etc. Office Hours are times a teacher sets aside during distance learning days to support students. While Office Hours are handled a little differently at each level, the one thing that is the same is that teachers are available to help students during these times. For more information on what Office Hours look like for your child(ren), please reach out to their teacher or building principal.

Distance Learning Days / Flexible Instructional Days (FID)

As you may recall from previous Weekly [Updates](#), the District was approved to use **five Flexible Instructional Days** (FID) during inclement weather or other days that a school building is closed. However, because of the Global Pandemic, the Board also approved the Emergency Instructional Time Addendum to the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PDE) required Health and Safety Plan, allowing the District to teach students remotely as needed. The Emergency Instructional Time Addendum permits the District to forgo using FIDs for the 2020-2021 school year.

Student Meal Programs- Update

We have received notice from the USDA that they have extended the free breakfast and lunch program through June 30, 2021. This is terrific news for our families and means that **all breakfast and lunch meals across the District shall be provided, free of charge, to ALL students**. This includes pick-up meals for WY Cyber Academy students as well as meals for anyone 18 and under who reside in our District. Please follow your child's home building guidelines for ordering pick-up meals. At the secondary level, a second meal may be purchased at the regular meal rate. Menus for all buildings are posted on our website. More information may be found on our [website](#). Please contact Mr. Scott Rutkowski at scrutkowski@wyasd.org if you have any questions.

Weekend Take Home Meals

The Food Services Department offers take-home meals on Fridays for all students. The take-home meals are free of charge and will consist of one breakfast and one lunch. The take-home meals may be requested at the building level using the same process used for the Tuesday take-home meals. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Scott Rutkowski, Director of Food Services, at scrutkowski@wyasd.org.

Spectators at Sporting Events

While spectators at District events are limited, everyone may watch these events via live stream when they resume. Spring athletics live stream information can be found [here](#).

Building Visitors

All visitors must complete a screening form and have their temperature taken at each building. They will be expected to adhere to posted guidelines for social distancing to include wearing facemasks until further notice.

The Blue & White

The Blue & White is published at the end of each week and delivered via email. Past issues may be found [here](#). Please continue to share your positive photos throughout the year - it's a bright spot for all of us! You can send them to cmgreco@wyasd.org.

Best wishes for a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Todd M. Davies

Superintendent of Schools